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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 8 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
TODAY ACCEPTED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF A STEERING GROUP TO PREPARE THE
GROUNDWORK FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF
THE SOUTH ON DEVELOPMENT ISSUES.

ANNOUNCING THIS WHEN CHAIRING THE CONCLUDING SESSION THE
FOUR-DAY SECOND SOUTH-SOUTH SUMMIT HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE
HOPED TO SUBMIT A REPORT BY THE TIME THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OF THE
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MET IN HARARE, ZIMBABWE, ON SEPT 2.

HE DESCRIBED THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION AS THE
MOST IMPORTANT DECISION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE.

HE SAID THE STEERING GROUP WOULD TRY TO FINISH THE WORK AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

WE WANT TO BE PRACTICAL AND WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN
APPORTIONING BLAME TO PEOPLE AND INSTEAD CONCENTRATE ON WHAT WE CAN
AND WILL DO IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE FACED BY THE
COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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